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Resource Center Opens to Assist Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans and Families

Houston – The Worklife Institute has opened its Resource Center to assist returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families at 1900 St. James Place, Suite 880, in Houston. The Institute received a \$96,500 TRIAD Fund (Texas Resources for Iraq-Afghanistan Deployment) grant from the San Antonio Area Foundation to support the Institute's *Integrated Reentry and Worklife Transition Program for OEF/OIF*.

The Worklife Institute's Resource Center is a place of hospitality where returning service members and their families can take advantage of the program's components: Career Transition, Family Counseling, Legal Services and Work Orientation seminars and other workshops. The Center will also provide a comfortable place to relax, meet with others, use the library materials and computers and do personal work.

Specific services provided include the following: job search and education counseling, personal and marriage and family counseling, parenting education, family and divorce mediation, discounted legal services in civil and family matters, work orientation seminars that include stress management, adapting to new workplace, safety and health on the job, financial and debt management, career change and other needs that may be identified. All services will be free of charge to military personnel who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and their family members.

"The Worklife Institute will coordinate its programs with the military and veterans' service organizations, the City of Houston's Office of Veterans Affairs and United Way's 211 service to provide these valuable and much needed services for our returning veterans in the greater Houston area," stated Dr. Diana C. Dale, Institute Director. "We are proud to be able to serve those who have given so much to our Country and who now need our help in their transition to civilian life."

"The Resource Center, located in the Galleria area, is open every day and welcomes walk-ins and telephone inquiries. We are excited about this opportunity to serve our community," concluded Dale.

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